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REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

I. EXAMINER INTERVIEWS

Applicants are grateful for the telephone interviews held with Examiner Turner on February 16 and 23, 2005. During these interviews, Examiner Turner indicated that claims 13, 16, 30 and 31 were in condition for allowance. She also proposed an amendment to claim 33 to place this claim in condition for allowance. Claim 33 has been amended as suggested.

II. CLAIM STATUS & AMENDMENTS

Claim 33 has been amended to recite "administering" the peptide as suggested by the Examiner during the interview. Support for this language can be found in the specification, for example, at page 16, lines 10-30 (Example 6). Therefore, no new matter has been added by this amendment.

Claims 34 and 35 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer thereto. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation or divisional application on any cancelled subject matter.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 13, 16, 30, 31 and 33 will be pending in this application.

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CONCLUSION

Since the claims have been amended as suggested by the Examiner, the present application is in condition for allowance and early notice to that effect is hereby requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

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I, Kelli Harris of the law firm Wenderoth, Lind & Ponack, L.L.P., hereby certify that I have today transmitted by facsimile this document, titled Supplemental Amendment and Reply After Final Rejection, to Examiner Sharon L. Turner, Technology Center 1600, Group Art Unit 1647, of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, at facsimile No. 571-273-0894.

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